

6.4 exponential growth & decay

Suppose you deposit \$800 in an account that pays 6.3% ^{annual interest rate} interest. How much will you have 8 years later if the interest is compounded:

- a) annually $800(1 + .063)^8 = 1304.23$
- b) quarterly $800\left(1 + \frac{.063}{4}\right)^{8 \cdot 4} = 1319.07$
- c) monthly $800\left(1 + \frac{.063}{12}\right)^{8 \cdot 12} = 1322.52$
- d) daily $800\left(1 + \frac{.063}{365}\right)^{8 \cdot 365} = 1324.21$
- e) continuously ? $800e^{.063 \cdot 8} = 1324.26$

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differential equation for continuously compounded interest

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

solve the d.e. for y

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$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int k dt$$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{(kt + c)}$$

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot e^c$$

y = \$ amount

$$y = FV$$

amount after time t

k = growth constant

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot C_1$$

$$t=0 \quad y = 800$$

$$800 = e^0 \cdot C$$

$$C = 800$$

$$y = 800 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{if } k = .063 \quad y = 800 e^{.063t}$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k = e$$

compound interest

$$Y = Y_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt}$$

Y_0 = starting amount

k = number of times compounded per year

r = interest rate (decimal)

continuously

$$Y = Y_0 e^{rt}$$

t = years

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~~10,000~~ ^{30,000} is invested at 7%. How long to double?
(compounded continuously)

$$\frac{60000}{30000} = \frac{30,000}{30000} e^{.07t}$$

$$2 = e^{.07t}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{.07t}$$

$$\ln 2 = .07t$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{.07} = t$$

$$\frac{2Y_0}{Y_0} = \frac{Y_0 e^{rt}}{Y_0}$$

$$2 = e^{rt}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{rt} = rt$$

double time $t = \frac{\ln 2}{r}$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

$\frac{dy}{dt}$ ↑ how fast the amount grows
 y ↑ amount
 as y gets bigger, y grows faster

use continuous growth to model a bacteria colony

if the colony doubles in 16 hrs,
and there are 700 present initially,
what will the pop. be in 52 hrs?

double time $t = \frac{\ln 2}{r}$

$$16 = \frac{\ln 2}{r} \quad r = \frac{\ln 2}{16} \approx .043$$

$$y = 700e^{.043 \cdot 52} = 6549$$

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exp. decay (decreasing)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -ky$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int -k dt$$

$$\ln|y| = -kt + c$$

$$y = e^{-kt+c}$$

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot (e^c)$$

$$y = (c) e^{-kt}$$

half life = $\frac{\ln 2}{k}$

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